

# Christopher K.S. Wong

ASSOCIATE

Christopher is an Associate in the Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring group.



#### **Industries**

**Sports** 

### **Practices**

Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring

#### Languages

Cantonese

#### **Education**

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, JD

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Christopher specializes in business and financial restructuring matters and advises companies in navigating the Chapter 11 process, out-of-court workouts, and corporate and debt financing transactions. For those looking for opportunities in the distressed market, a sizable portion of his practice is dedicated to representing sellers, "Stalking Horse" bidders and over-bidders in Court-supervised Section 363 purchase and sale of assets. Christopher's recent cases involve sales of going concern assets of an automotive driving experience company in Las Vegas, an open-air shopping mall in Southern California, and intellectual property assets of a pharmaceutical company based in Northern California.

As trusted counsel to creditor committees, trustees, and institutional clients, Christopher conducts corporate governance and financial mismanagement related investigations of companies in various industries, including sports, non-profit, retail, entertainment, health & fitness, and technology. In this capacity, Christopher regularly serves as outside counsel to the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee in conducting investigations of national governing bodies on their compliance with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and the USOPC Bylaws.

# **Previous Work**

From 2015 until 2017, Christopher served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Maureen Tighe of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Prior to this clerkship, Christopher served as a legal intern in the corporate in-house department for SunPower Corporation, a publicly traded renewable energy company. He also worked as a legal intern at the fifth largest law firm in China, AllBright Law Offices, in Shanghai, in their general commercial, corporate and M&A department.

## **Professional Activities**

Christopher is a Board Member of The Boys & Girls Club of Metro Los Angeles.

He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute, the California Bankruptcy Forum, the Sports Lawyers Association, and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

He is also a member of the Small Business Reorganization Task Force of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, with particular emphasis on outreach to Los Angeles-based businesses in minority communities.

During law school, Christopher served as the editor-in-chief of the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*. He also served as the vice president of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

# **Publications, Presentations & Recognitions**

- American Bankruptcy Institute's "40 Under 40" (2022)
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2022-2024)
- California Bankruptcy Journal, Volume 36, Number 1, 2022, "Restructuring Your Retail Footprint Under Subchapter V" (author).
- INSOL International, "The Arcapita Bankruptcy: A Primer in Jurisdiction, International Comity, and the Presumption of Extraterritoriality", August 10, 2018 (co-author).
- American Bankruptcy Institute's "Retail and Office Bankruptcy Landlord/Tenant Rights" (editor).
- Third Circuit Sheds Light on Eligibility for Administrative Priority Under Section 503(b)(9), November 27, 2017 (co-author).
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, "Ninth Circuit Case Law," November 17, 2016 (speaker).
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, "Technical Abandonment in Bankruptcy," January 29, 2016 (speaker).

# Life Beyond the Law

Christopher is a Hong Kong native, fluent in Chinese Cantonese and conversational in Chinese Mandarin. Chris spends his free time exploring new restaurants, playing basketball, and cheering on his beloved Los Angeles Lakers.

#### **Bar Admissions**

California

## **Court Admissions**

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

US District Court, Central District of California

US District Court, Northern District of California

US District Court, Southern District of California

US District Court, Eastern District of California